A.M.A. Alumni Association

A Tax-Exempt Organization

Augusta Military Academy

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ALUMNI WEEKEND-75! May 2, 3, & 4

We hope you are planning on returning to AMA for Alumni Weekend-75. Each year we look forward to seeing all alumni who return for this annual affair. This year we are hoping for the largest turnout we have ever had, and afull weekend of fun and fellowship has been planned. For full information see the last page of this Newsletter. Fill out the enclosed envelope and return it today.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP FOR 1975

We are reporting several weeks earlier than we did last year. On March 5 your Alumni Association had 102 dues-paying members for the calendar year 1975. Sustaining memberships for 1975 have been received from 52 alumni and friends. These Sustaining Memberships have been received from:

David F. Crowe '33
Joseph R. Hamilton '21
William C. Stuart III '43
Benjamin M. Smith Jr. '47
Lawrence W. Harry '22
J. Newton Brewer Jr. '33
M. E. Boone '32
L. M. LaFollette '19
T. G. Milstead '47
Charles M. Townsend '57
Mitchell Zinder '66
H. S. Hulvey '24
Howard R. Guffey '48
William H. Armstrong '32
William A. McClung '32
Edward Z. Stultz '43
Marvin E. Gordon '38
M/Sgt. & Mrs. Joe Josephson
L. Cass Leigh '43
John P. Seibold '48
W. Conway Twitty Jr. '44
James R. Lane Jr. '49
L. Brooke Montague '41
E. Phil Bradley '49
T. C. Lea Jr. '55
Edwin W. Hildebrand '31
Robert K. Adams II '63
Vernon W. Osgood Jr. '68
William Ditto '41
Jasper S. Mathews '27
Stafford M. Williams '46
Robert J. Mitchell '39
Gary P. Malamut '50
F. H. Kohnfeldt '06
Linda R. Livick
Robert H. Spilman '45
Carl R. Morris '59
W. S. Jordan '30
Walter C. Palmer III '
James E. Crass III '35
V. P. Leavel '39
Trion D. Fancher '58
John Botcheller '67
Johnnie C. Harper '68
Howard Holderness '19
Edwin M. Aldrich '39
Joseph Y. Gunby '14
John W. Humphreys '47
Harry May '47
E. A. Prati '44
Charles K. West Jr. '43
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Your financial help is needed by the AMA Alumni Association. Send your dues today.

YEARLY MINIMUM DUES - $5.00 YEARLY SUSTAINING DUES - $25.00

NEWS ABOUT AMA ALUMNI

J. M. Bell Jr. '29 has been retired from the Sao Paulo Light Company since 1972 and lives in Brazil together with his wife and four children. He hopes to visit AMA soon as he and the family normally spend three weeks in Honolulu and one week in New York each July.

Donald B. Everitt Jr. '63, a Captain in the U.S. Army, has graduated from Benedictine College with Honors. Don was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of 1974. He is currently enrolled in an MBA Program through Pepperdine University and is expecting to receive the MBA around December 1975. He is stationed in Hawaii.

The Alumni Office has just received word that J. Waller Callison' has been in the hospital but is getting along fine and will be going home as the Newsletter goes to press.

Constantine Christopher '67 sent word that he and his wife were expecting their first child January 28, 1975.

Spencer Williams '74 played Junior Varsity Basketball for N.C. State this season. Spencer also sent his alumni dues.

Recently appointed Director of Industrial Safety with the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Bob Adams '63 and wife Judy live in Raleigh, N.C.

Thanks to T. C. Lea Jr. '55 for addresses of J. Peyton Lea '65 and Steve Askin '56.

Terrence Rodger Smith '70 is working at the U.S. Naval Academy Officers and Faculty Club. The faculty members here at AMA appreciated his thanks as expressed in a recent letter.

Major Arthur T. Webster '57 has returned from Europe after four years. He is presently Director of Security Police at Helg Air Force Communications Service, a world-wide organization. Arthur is a long standing member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association.

James R. Lane Jr. '59 who lives in Virginia Beach is another alumnus who has sent the Alumni Office a new address which we did not have on our mailing list. We hope that more of you will send us this information.

W. Conway Twitty Jr. '44 is President of Conway Twitty Enterprises, Inc. (Land Development, Building, and Investments)

Another alumnus continues his studies. Dr. Herbert L. Widener '60 has been awarded a fellowship in the Department of Connective Tissue and Immunology at the Medical College of Virginia. This year Herb will study rheumatoid arthritis and related diseases and will do research in the field of the inflammatory process.

Russell Bargamin '24 writes that he has been on the 'sick and lazy' list but that the alumni office will be receiving more information from him later. Russ has been a source of interesting information for us.

Belated congratulations to Francis J. Howard '23 and Mrs. Howard on their 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated in February. They have two married daughters, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Francis retired from N.A.S.A., Langley Field, Virginia, in 1960 after thirty-six years of service there.

Van Rametta '70 and wife, Elaine, live in Denver, Colorado. Van is working as an account representative for General Electric Credit Corporation. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Political Science degree last May.

ABC TV will do a family show in three parts of Sounder after September 1975, and Universal Pictures has taken an option on Sour Land for movie and television. This word received from William H. Armstrong '32 who is listed in Who's Who-1973.

Claxton Walker '41 has alerted us to watch out for his book which will be published this spring.

Recently relocated in Fairhope, Alabama, is Martin G. Manch '35. Martin is retired from the Diplomatic Corps and is the son of Martin G. Manch (deceased) and a brother of Jack (Shorty) Manch '38 (deceased).

Mitchell Zinder '66 has written that he hopes to attend Alumni Weekend-75.

William C. Dudrow '33 recently wrote giving us the names of a number of AMA alumni.

Colonel and Mrs. Livick recently were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everitt Demarest, parents of Larry G. Demarest '65. Larry is a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association and is working with his father in Arlington.

Harry Reubens '70 was discharged from the Navy in September and is now living in Bethlehem, Pa. Harry is attending Northampton County Area Community College on a part-time basis, and next September will begin full-time classes working toward an electrical Engineering Technology degree.

J. McFaddin Dick Jr. '23 stopped by AMA in September when he was on his way to South Carolina. He visited with Blanding Upshur '22 who lives in Sumter, S.C., and with Walter Newton '22 who lives in Bennettsville, S.C.

Our alumni mailings finally caught up with Tom Moon '48. We had a letter from Tom recalling some of his days here at Augusta. Remember the Orchid Bowl game on December 6, 1947, against McCallie School in Chattanogga, Tennessee?

Roberto Manuel Gomez '70 was married to Victoria Deane Wright on December 7, 1974.

Lee M. Hall '70 who lives and works in Tangier, Morocco, has recently written. Lee wrote, "We all think of you here and always talk about good memories." How often we hear this from Augusta's alumni! Doesn't this tell us something about the spirit which is Augusta.

On May 29, 1974, George Kirkwood '66 received the degree of Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

With the help of Dave Conrad '60, Tyrone G. Gomasek '59 is now on our mailing list. Tyrone lives in Baltimore and is a broker with Guardian Real Estate, Inc.

Harry Campbell '70 has graduated from Appalachian State University, is working toward his graduate degree in public administration, and is married. We hope to see Harry and Jan for Alumni Weekend'75.

Also married and in the U. S. Army is Lt. Steve Trent '70. Steve is stationed at Fort Dix, N.J., and is Executive Officer of a Basic Combat Training Company.

Larry Nein '62 is now going to school and living in Lexington, Kentucky.

It has been a long time since we have heard from Bob Biddle '65. Bob, one of the recent football greats here at Augusta and later at VMI, is assigned duty at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Tom Barnes '71 called us and later wrote bringing us up to date on his activities in the Army. Tom is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

W. D. "Dickie" Roe Jr. '65 lives in Roanoke, Virginia, and is associated with C. W. Francis & Son.

Britt Tate '66 spent six years in the Army, is now married, and he and wife Valarie have a son. Britt is now attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Employed by York-Hoover Corporation in Philadelphia, L. Michael Vischer '67 was married this past September to Marilyn R. Anderson. Mike attended Pennsylvania Military College, joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and is presently in the waiting process of becoming a 1st Lieutenant on May 21.

Two letters received from Alan Poole '67 who lives in Minot, N.C., have brought us the good news that Alan will be here for Alumni Weekend. Since completing his tour with the Air Force Alan, wife, Carol, and Alan Jr. have been living in North Dakota.

It was good to hear from Joseph Y. Gunby '14.

Billy Vineyard '63 announces birth of a daughter, Dayrn Taylor, born December 8.

Stationed at Fort Steward, Georgia, Andy Bell '74 stopped by AMA for a brief visit on his way back to rejoin his Ranger unit.

We appreciate the interest which Jasper S. Mathews Jr. '27 has shown in our Recall collection for the library. Jasper lives in Easton, Connecticut. Jasper's brother, John H. Mathews '27 was killed on "D" Day, June 6, 1944. Hugh was a graduate of West Point in the class of 1931.

NECROLOGY

Isadore Oppleman '19
R. H. Chichester '23
John H. Buck '30
Don Kennedy Massey '58

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Dear Alumni, Patrons, and Friends:

The Alumni Memorial Infirmary is now a reality. Through the generous efforts of many of you we were able to break ground on Saturday morning, May 4, 1974, just after the annual general meeting of the Alumni Association was adjourned.

Construction actually began the end of May and was completed in October.

As estimated, the total cost of construction is $50,000. Pledges from alumni, patrons and friends total $26,346.00 as of March 1, 1975. Actual money received totals $15,018. The balance has been borrowed from The United Virginia Bank-National Valley at an interest rate of 9-1/4%. The sooner we can pay off the loan, of course, the less interest charges we shall have to pay.

Here's a suggestion! 166 alumni, patrons and friends of the 1900 on our mailing list have contributed and/or pledged $26,346. This is an average of $158.00 per contribution. Six contributions provided $1000 each; one has provided $1500; and one has provided $2000. Now, if each of the remaining persons on our mailing list were to provide $100 each, the structure would be paid for, free and clear, and your tax-free Alumni Association would have a substantial balance with which it could possibly use for such things as scholarship aid to needy cadets.

Remember, all gifts, donations and bequests to the AMA Alumni Association (Memorial Infirmary Fund) are tax deductible under Federal and State Regulations.

Will you participate? Your assistance is needed!

Sincerely,

Marvin E. "Mickey" Gordon '39

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Chairman,
Infirmary Building Committee

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 2

Afternoon	Registration at the Alumni Tent on the Grounds
5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Registration and Reception, White Hall
Evening	Hospitality Suite Open, Holiday Inn (Staunton)

Saturday, May 3

8:30 A.M.	Registration Tent Opens - coffee and doughnuts
9:00	Board of Directors Meeting, Library
9:00	Facilities Tour (about 30 minutes - meet guides at Reception Room, Big Barracks)
10:00	Annual Business Meeting, A.M.A. Alumni Association, Memorial Gymnasium
11:30	Roller Rifle Exhibition Drill, Front Field
12:15 P.M.	Formal Dress Parade - Alumni take the Review
1:15	Dedication of Alumni Memorial Infirmary
1:45	Buffet Luncheon at the Alumni Tent
2:00	Facilities Tour (repeat of tour conducted at 10 A.M.)
Afternoon	Hospitality Suite Open, Holiday Inn (Staunton)
6:00	Reception and Dinner/Dance, Holiday Inn (Staunton)

Sunday, May 4

9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Room Inspection (Inspection teams will include alumni, wives or dates, guests)
10:00	Brunch, Mess Hall
11:00	Church Services, Church of Choice

COST OF WEEKEND

The cost for the activities listed above: $26.00 per couple
$15.00 for single

Make checks payable to AMA ALUMNI REUNION COMMITTEE
BARGAIN PRICES FOR A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

PLEASE NOTE: The Holiday Inn, Downtown (Staunton) has again offered a special package for Alumni Weekend-75:
Double Rate $19.00 per night.
To take advantage of this rate room reservations must be made through your Alumni Reunion Committee.
Use the enclosed return mailer to indicate your wishes.

OTHER MOTELS IN AREA:

Ingleside Red Carpet (between Staunton and Verona)
Holiday Inn North (between Staunton and Verona)
Master Host (between Staunton and Verona)
Scottish Inn (Verona)
Econo Travel Motor Hotel (Staunton)